



Holy Infant's Parish Diary

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time [C]

7 - 27 September 2025

The Parish of The Holy Infant and St Anthony
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*in the pastoral and spiritual care of the Salesians of Don Bosco
 served from Thornleigh House, Sharples Park, Bolton, BL1 6PQ.*

Canonisations: Pope Leo XIV will canonise two inspirational young people on 7 September in Rome: **Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati** who died in 1925 aged 24 and **Blessed Carlo Acutis** who died in 2006 aged 15. Pier Giorgio was a young Catholic man involved in social justice and politics as member of Catholic Action, served the poor of Turin through the Society of St Vincent de Paul and enjoyed climbing mountains. Carlo, with a deep love for Jesus in the Eucharist and sensitive to the poor and homeless, was also interested in sports and computers, the internet. He was born and baptised in London before the family returned to Italy. We ask our new saints to pray for us and to inspire us in our friendship with Jesus..

Missio Red Boxes: The September collection from red boxes or donations will take place over the next 3 weeks. Please leave your red boxes at church or have your usual arrangement with your promoter. Thank you.

Summer Break: Fr Kieran will be away from the parish from 8 – 22 September inclusive. During this time a Salesian priest from the community will come to the parish to celebrate the weekend/weekday Masses. There will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until **Thursday, 25 September** after the 9.30am Mass. **If a priest is needed in an emergency please call Thornleigh House on 01204 591144.**

Appointment: Bishop John has appointed Fr Kieran to the Team of Episcopal Vicars for Religious in the diocese. The Team has a special care, on behalf of the Bishop, for the many sisters, brothers and priests who belong to religious orders working in the diocese.

Parish Groups: new volunteers are sought for Readers at Mass, Eucharistic Ministers and Stewards for the Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday Mass. Church Cleaners are also needed. Please speak with Fr Kieran or somebody you see doing these things in the parish to volunteer your presence.

Healing Mass: with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated in the parish church on **Friday, 26 September at 12 noon.** All welcome.

Centenary Opening Mass – Salesians and Thornleigh: Friday, 26 September at 6.30pm in the Chapel at Thornleigh. All are welcome. If you could register via https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf2DgpsMCADVf_0ohD0c9hCD4VrN7dnQh7FPLYjXhWSFmw/viewform

Parish Timetable

Sunday: 10am Mass
Monday: No Mass in the parish church
Tuesday: Rosary before Mass
 9.30am Mass
Wednesday: Rosary before Mass
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Thursday: 9.30am Mass
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Friday: 9.30am Mass
Saturday: Rosary before Mass
 Confessions: 6pm – 6.20pm
 6.30pm Vigil Mass

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for September

For our relationship with all of creation
 Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

Mass Intentions

Lately Dead: Daniel Holden, Mary Rooney.

Special Intentions: For the people of the parish

